

## MINUTES

Renton School District  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, July 14, 2004  
Kohlwes Education Center, 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Marcie Maxwell. The Board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Maxwell announced that the meeting was being audio-tape recorded and that the agenda background materials are available in the Superintendent's Office after 4:00 p.m. the Friday preceding the board meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marcie Maxwell, President  
Joy Poff, Vice President  
Lynn Desmarais  
David Merrill  
Al Talley

Dr. Dolores Gibbons, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Directors

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

IKEA Performing Arts Center manager, Shana Pennington-Baird, presented the first annual report to the Board on the usage and goals of the IPAC. She stated that the biggest user of the facility is Renton High School at 55%, with community usage next at 25%. Dance studios are the biggest community venue to rent the center, along with local pageants and symphonic group performances. There have been several cultural events hosted at the IPAC that brought hundreds of community members to the site. Renton High utilizes the facility for music and drama productions, as well as assemblies, meetings and classes. The school district has held teacher inservices, band festivals and concerts in the auditorium on a regular basis.

Ms. Pennington-Baird stated the IPAC Advisory Committee would commence meeting again soon to review fund raising goals and develop a marketing and advertising campaign for 2004-2005. She stated the IPAC will be closed for a couple of months this summer for some minor repairs. The Board of Directors thanked Ms. Pennington-Baird for the positive report on the new facility.

“GOOD NEWS”  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Maxwell and Board members read the following “good news” announcements:

- High schools throughout the district will benefit from a newly acquired grant totaling nearly \$150,000. The Smaller

Learning Communities (SLC) grant, offered by the U.S. Department of Education, allows high schools to develop plans for implementing school-centered smaller learning communities which might include: schools-within-schools, academic teaming, and teacher advisory and adult advocate systems. The exciting and complex work is designed to improve academic achievement for more than 3,300 students in grades 9-12. The grant, which allows for the planning phase of the SLC program, paves the way for the district to apply for a three-year implementation grant, worth up to one million dollars a year.

- Campbell Hill Elementary School Principal Reginald Reid recently received an award of recognition from the Snohomish County Police Department Athletic League for his exemplary service and championship qualities in education and civic virtue. The League has been very involved in helping Reginald with Campbell Hill students. The group also recruited Reginald to serve on their Board of Directors.
- Black River High School teacher Gerry "G.M." Ford has released his latest mystery novel, "Red Tide," which details the adventures of journalist-turned-detective Frank Corso. Gerry has published 10 critically acclaimed novels since 1995.
- Lindbergh High School senior Gunnar Larsen has earned the Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. For his project, he used his leadership skills to organize 300 hours of donated labor and several hundred dollars of materials to finish the reinstallation of a sturdy banister on both sides of the 30-foot-long wheelchair ramp at the Renton Lutheran Church. He also formed a small work group to donate labor sorting lumber remnants at Seattle Lumber in Renton in trade for needed materials to complete the project.
- Renton High School graduate Aretha Hill has qualified for her second Olympic Games in the women's discus. Aretha went to her first Olympics in Atlanta in 1996. She finished one spot short of an Olympic berth in 2000. Aretha is the top-ranked American woman is ranked seventh in the world. She graduated from Renton High in 1993.
- McKnight Middle School recently received a \$1,000 donation from Sam's Club in recognition of the school's outstanding after-school reading program. Additionally, the school received \$250 from Washington Mutual Bank as part of WaMoola Madness Grand Opening Celebration at the Renton Highlands Financial Center.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent Gibbons presented Ms. Pennington-Baird a picture taken of the IKEA Performing Arts Center for the Chamber of Commerce Beautify Renton Award. The picture will be hung in the lobby of the center.

CONSENT AGENDA  
ITEMS A-H w/o Item F

Poff moved and Talley seconded to move Item F to New Business. Vote 5-0. By motion of Merrill and second by Poff, the Board approved the following consent agenda, Items A-H without Item F. Vote 5-0.

A. Minutes

1. Minutes of the June 23, 2004 Regular Meeting

B. Warrants

1. Capital Projects Fund  
Nos. 202269-202298 inclusive - \$558,627.61
2. General Fund  
Nos. 137521-137760 inclusive - \$259,598.71  
Nos. 137761-138026 inclusive - \$412,705.30  
Nos. 138027-138307 inclusive - \$390,363.46  
June 30, 2004 Payroll - \$7,036,765.99  
Nos. 444080-444540 inclusive - \$1,726,942.63  
Direct Deposits - \$3,342,129.84  
Unissued Warrants - \$1,967,693.52
3. Associated Student Body Fund  
Nos. 423570-423631 inclusive - \$30,846.77  
Nos. 423632-423724 inclusive - \$66,475.09  
Nos. 423725-423802 inclusive - \$86,235.27
4. Private Purpose Trust  
Nos. 700231-700235 inclusive - \$755.00

C. Personnel Exhibits (a copy of which is attached as part of these minutes)

D. Staff/Student Travel

1. Gretchen Hayden to Advanced Training on the Collaborative Problem Solving Model in Cambridge, Mass.
2. Barbara Fujita and Student to US Department of Education Gear-Up National Training in Washington, D.C.
3. Anna Horton, Melissa Barnard and Susanna Epler to FOSS Chemical Interactions Unit at University of Berkeley, CA
4. Kathryn Fantasia, Vera Risdon, Fred Row, Ed Sheppard, Nanci Davis, Janet Fawcett, Tres Genger, Karen Q. Jones, Nancy Osborn, Tony Helt and Jacquie Monks to ASCD Conference: Understanding by Design in San Diego, CA

5. Mary Merritt, Linda Sisour, Robert Nicholson, Gordon Hedeem and Geof Newing to the ASCD Conference: Understanding by Design in San Diego, CA
6. Carla Kaser to American School Food Service Association Annual National Conference in Indianapolis, IN
7. Shelley Jellison, Marcia Lynch, Geof Newing and Sartori students to the Youth and Education Services Program at Pacific Raceways
8. Jessica Godfrey to Jane Schaffer Writing Program Workshop, San Francisco, CA.

E. Contracts and Agreements

1. Agreement with Vision Training Associates for "Building Developmental Assets in School Communities" Workshop on August 23, 2004
2. Lease Agreement with Millwright's Local #204 for Space at Sartori Education Center
3. King County Summer Work Training Agreements
4. Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Educational Services for Vocational-Technical and Basic Education with Lake Washington's Technical Academy for 2004-2005
5. Contract for Educational Services with New Horizons for 2004-2005
6. Resolution No. 26-03/04 Contract Between Renton School District and Interdistrict Cooperation Programs for Disabled and Vocational Students for the 2004-2005 School Year
7. Contract for Success for All Program at Bryn Mawr Elementary for 2004-2005
8. Salary and Benefit Agreement with the Renton Principals' Association for 2004-2006
9. Salary and Benefit Agreement with the United Classified Workers Union for 2004-2007

F. Change Orders

1. Change Order No. 16 Relating to Lindbergh High School Modernization; G. C. Finn Construction Co. - \$72,980.00
2. Change Orders No. 1 Relating to Hazelwood Elementary School Replacement Project; Berschauer Phillips. - \$37,026.00

G. Donations

1. \$416.50 from WaMoola for Schools to Hazelwood Elementary School for General Budget Supplies
2. \$200.00 from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. to Hazelwood Elementary School for Science and Mathematics supplies

3. \$1,207.44 from Microsoft Giving Campaign (David Burrell) to Hazelwood Elementary School for Staff Development
4. \$425.00 from Microsoft Giving Campaign (Charbonneau, McCallum) to Hazelwood Elementary School for Staff Development
5. \$422.58 from Maplewood Heights PTA to Maplewood Heights for Library Supplies
6. Ping Pong Table (valued at \$200-\$300) from Tod Clisby to Nelsen Middle School
7. \$650.00 from Steven and Kathleen Shaughnessy to Dimmitt Middle School for Nishiwaki Exchange Program Scholarship
8. \$250.00 from Washington Mutual's WaMoola Madness Celebration to McKnight Middle School for Summer School Scholarships
9. \$1,000.00 from Sam's Club to McKnight Middle School for Summer School Scholarships
10. 450 Books from Page Ahead to Lakeridge Elementary School for Summer School Reading Camp

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
AND DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

There was no correspondence to be read or any delegations from the floor.

POLICY 3245 STUDENTS  
AND TELECOMMUNICATION  
DEVICES

Approved – Final Reading

By motion from Talley and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the final reading of Policy No. 3245 regarding possession and use of personal telecommunication or other related electronic devices while on school property. Vote 5-0.

REVISED CURRICULA  
BASIC ALGEBRA 1,2  
Approved – Final Reading

By motion from Poff and second by Talley, the Board approved the final reading of revised curricula for Basic Algebra 1,2. Vote 5-0.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
CURRICULUM FOR RENTION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HIGH SCHOOLS

Approved – Final Reading

By motion from Desmarais and second by Poff, the Board approved the final reading of language arts curriculum Leadership Development (piloted at Hazen High School) for all Renton School District high schools. Vote 5-0.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS  
TO IKEA PERFORMING

ARTS CENTER

Approved

IKEA Performing Arts Center manager Shana Pennington-Baird explained to the Board that funds raised and expended for the IPAC flow through the Renton Community Foundation. There is approximately \$180,000 in the fund at this time. Ms. Pennington-Baird stated the way the sound system is currently set up at the IPAC limits the use of other high quality equipment and storage. On many occasions it has been necessary to rent additional sound equipment to be able to serve the needs of clients. She additionally would like to purchase a state-of-the-projector and lens because 40% of the clients request this equipment on their rental agreements. The new equipment would be installed this summer while the theater is dark for six weeks. She indicated her goal for 2004-05 is to raise \$120,000 for projects at IPAC. In addition, she will be applying for grants to assist funding additional requests. By motion from Merrill and second by Desmarais, the Board approved the purchase of the state-of-the-art projector/lens and new sound equipment. Vote 5-0.

ADDITIONAL DELEGATIONS  
FROM THE FLOOR

There were no additional delegations from the floor.

INFORMATION AND  
PROPOSALS

Talley attended the IKEA Performing Arts Center one year birthday bash.

President Maxwell also celebrated at the IPAC birthday bash and attended a two-day WSSDA Legislative Committee meeting. In late June she helped organize a partnership with the Renton Community Foundation and Hazen parents to start "Hazen: Beyond the Basics," a fundraising effort to support Hazen students. There will be an open house on October 1. She also attended a Blue Ribbon committee meeting.

Merrill enjoyed vacation and attended the IKEA Performing Arts Center birthday celebration.

Superintendent Gibbons thanked board member Poff and Renton School District webmaster Debby Klapperich for setting up the web page for the Renton Community Foundation. She met with representatives from the Washington State PTA Finance Group to review a recent financial study which reflected underfunded school districts. Dr. Gibbons attended the WASA/AWSP conference in Eastern Washington and reminded board members to notify the superintendent's office if they wish to attend the Legislative Assembly Conference on September 17-18.

RECESS

At 8:15 p.m. a recess was called for 15 minutes for an executive session on personnel and property matters with no action following.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, at 8:30 p.m. Desmarais moved and Poff seconded to adjourn the executive session and the regular meeting of the Board. Unanimous vote. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 11, 2004 at the Kohlwes Education Center.

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Secretary

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President